for nurses has been approved for construction at Srinivaspuri at a cost of Rs. 18 crores.

(c) No action was taken untler the Provisions of ESMA in the Govt. Hospitals.

(d) There were six strikes in Govt. Hospitals during the last one year by 'C' and 'D' group employees. There was no loss of human life as a result of the strikes.

(e) As per information available, nurses from some neighbouring States expressed their support to the striking nurses in Delhi.

Non-Acceptance of Fixed Rates in CGHS/ CSMA Hospitals in Pune

326. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to sstate:

(a) whether Government have received a complaint from the Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, Pune, that the rates for medical treatment fixed by Government for hospitals under CGHS/ CSMA are not accepted by the hospitals in Pune;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government; and

(c) what are the reasons for non-acceptance of these rates by CGHS hospitals in Pune?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The private Hospitals recognised under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules, 1944, in Pune are not accepting the rates for different medical procedures/ tests approved by the Government, as they are of the view that these rates are lower than the rates prevailing in the market, which have increased due to inflation and other parameters.

Non-availability of Qualified Doctors in Villages

327. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the number of villages in the country, where the services of qualified doctors are not available, if so, the number of villages as on 30th April, 1998;

(b) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to allow registration of medical graduates only after they have served in villages for a minimum period of five years; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, this will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) At present there is no such proposal under consideration as the Medical Council of India has not agreed to an earlier suggestion for registration of medical graduates only after they have served in rural areas for minimum period.

Recognition of B.D.S. Degree of Shivaji University

328. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recognition of B.D.S. degree of Shivaji University, Kolhapur has not yet been approved by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Law Ministry to whom the requisite draft notification of recognition of B.D.S. degree of Shivaji University was sent for vetting, has advised that some of the students have since filed W.P. No. 4657/97 in the Bombay High Court, and as such the matter is sub-judice and hence no opinion can be expressed by them at this stage. The date from which the degree is to be recognised is under examination. The copy of the order of the High Court is being obtained.

Steps to check Multi-faceted Illness in Safdarjung Hospital

329. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of

follow-up steps taken by his Ministry to cure the multi-faceted diseases discovered at the time of surprise check by them in the casualty section of the Safdarjung Hospital recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): Corrective steps taken by the Medical Superintendent, Safdarjung Hospital include:—

(a) Barbed wire in front of Casualty is being replaced with an Iron Grill;

(b) Trolleys have now been kept free for the use of patients;

(c) Condemnation of unserviceable items/ vehicles is in process;

(d) Construction of covered shed for parking Hospital Vehicles is in process;

(e) CPWD has been asked to clear all rubble, maintain all toilets, keep drainage lines clean, prevent collection of water from their plants, clear sewer blockages, remove all drooping telephone/electrical wires and fix them properly, and proper maintainance of all taps/coolers/lights;

(f) NDMC has been asked to clear non-hazardous Hospital Waste daily; and

(g) NDMC has been requested to restore full water supply.

Poor health services in Rural Areas of the North-Eastern States

330. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor health services in rural areas of the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the specific programmes drawn up by Government to provide adequate health services in the rural areas especially in the tribal areas of the North Eastern States; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of some gaps in Rural Health infrastructure and manpower deployment in the North-Eastern States.

(b) and (c) Through the recently launched RCH Programme, specific programmes are being initiated in most of the North-Eastern States for (i) augmenting primary health infrastructure (ii) improving and expanding facilities for training local youths as ANMs/ Nurses; (iii) providing for contractual appointment of Medical and Para-Medical Staff for filling up vacancies (iv) involving NGOs in providing Medical Care to the people through trained health functionaries recruited from the local youth.

Various externally aided projects and Area Projects have been sanctioned for the North-Eastern States including Assam for bridging the infrastructural gaps in the Health Care System and improving the delivery of Rural Health Services through trained additional manpower.

Kidney racket in Country

331. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has the records of approximate number of patients requiring kidney transplantation in the country; if so, the details including availability thereof;

(b) whether his Ministry are aware of the kidney racket busted in different parts of the country particularly in NOIDA, Delhi, Ranchi etc., if so, the reaction thereof;

(c) whether the Human Organ Transplantation Act is not applicable in certain States of the country; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the stringent steps being taken by All States within the ambit of the Act and the amendments proposed within the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No such Records are maintained by the Govt. However, as per information received from the AIIMS, 99 patients are on their waiting list and about 30-40 thousand patients of chronic kidney failure need transplantation every year in India.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Transplantation of Human Organ Act was passed by the Parliament